

South Edinburgh Cluster

The faith communities of St John Vianney's, St Gregory's and St Catherine's

Journeying from maintenance to mission

Cluster News –13/14 June 2026 (Eleventh Sunday of the Year A)

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Weekday Services this coming week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th
SG – 9.30am	No Service	No Service	SG – 9.30am	SG – 9.30am

Next Weekend Mass times:

St Gregory's	St John Vianney	St Catherine's
Saturday	Sunday	Sunday
6pm	9.30am (in St Gregory's)	11.00am

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today's gospel has the apostles on a mission – but apparently only to “the house of Israel”, not the pagans... Perhaps Jesus was being kind and giving them an “easy class” to start with. Yet this language of exclusion sounds quite familiar in our society of “us” and “them”. People that sow division go on to reap a harvest of destruction. History shows that the early church quickly realised that Jesus' message was for everyone and that meant the need for more labourers for the harvest, more priests.

God had already called “a kingdom of priests” (the first reading). Will records reveal that we, who are ordained by baptism, rolled up our missionary sleeves and got harvesting? What kind of missionary disciples allow God's abundant love to lie rotting in the fields?

St Gregory's Open Parish Meeting 13 June

I would like to invite all parishioners of St Gregory's to an Open Parish Meeting to discuss the parish's finances. It will take place **immediately after the 6pm St Gregory's Parish**

Mass on Saturday 13 June. This is a very important meeting, and I hope that as many St Gregory's parishioners as possible will be able to participate in it. *Fr Alex*

First Communion celebrations

Congratulations to all the children from our three parishes who are receiving their First Holy Communion in these weeks. Please pray for them and their families as they take this important step on their faith journey. We are grateful to the catechists in our three parishes and the staff at our Primary Schools who have given of their time and talent to share their faith and prepare the children. Photos of all the children will be available on the website mid-June.

Alpha Week 10: What about the Church?

The Alpha Course draws to a close this week as we explore the big questions of life and faith. Tue 16 June @ 7pm in St Catherine's Church. To find out more about alpha email us or go here email cluster.alpha@outlook.com, or go here <https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/alpha>.

Cluster Walking Group: June 2026 Walk

Our sixth walk of the year will take place on Saturday 20 June. It will be another circular walk, this time starting and finishing at East Gate Post Office in Peebles. Our route will take in the River Tweed and Cademuir. It is a distance of 8¾ miles and will take us between 3 and 4½ hours. There are paths all the way, with a variety of mostly decent surfaces. There are some steps, some stiles to cross, and a few short sections are a bit rocky. There is one slow incline for around ½ mile. There are no drop-out points along the way. Our plan is to stop around halfway and have lunch, so please bring a pack lunch with you. If you would like to come, please meet at 09:30 at Kaimes Crossroads bus stop on Howden Hall Road (this is the bus stop heading out of town where the 7 stops). We will take the X62 to Eastgate Post Office in Peebles, arriving there at 10:29. For those making their own way to Peebles, please meet at the Eastgate Post Office in Peebles at 10:30. There is a half-hourly bus service that will take us back to Edinburgh from Peebles.

Everybody is welcome to join us, whether you have joined us for a walk before, or this is your first time. If you have any questions, please email southedclust@btinternet.com

Beetle Drive

Beetle Drive on Monday 22 June, 7 – 10pm in St Catherine's Hall. Tickets are £5 and include soup and home baked bread. All welcome!

St Catherine's

St Catherine's school newsletter - <https://stcatherinesedinburgh.wordpress.com/monthly-sway-newsletters/>

St Catherine's Primary are looking for some help at **their Summer Fair on Fri 19 June, 12-2.30pm**. All home baking must include ingredients and allergies. please hand into the school on Thursday afternoon or Friday morning. If you can help with the activities, please contact the school office – admin@st-catherines.edin.sch.uk Thank you! See notice board posters.

Southside Faith Care

are hosting **Reminiscence Afternoons** in Newington Trinity – Priestfield Church, 2 Marchall Place, EH16 5HW, (down from Commonwealth Pool) fortnightly on Tuesdays from 1.30-3.30pm – 16th and 30th June – memories of the Southside, Edinburgh, tea and a chat.

Sacrament of the Sick (Anointing)

If you have a **planned admission to hospital** and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick (anointing) before you go into hospital, please approach Fr Alex in the sacristy, before or after Mass. If you are **admitted to hospital** and would like to see a priest, please speak to the nurse in charge on your ward and he/she will arrange for one of the priests on the hospital chaplaincy team to visit you.

Cluster Parishes Cleaning Rota

St Catherine's - Group 5 this coming week; St Gregory/St John Vianney's - Group 1 week beginning 15/6.

Marriage in the South Edinburgh Cluster

Planning to get married? Whether you plan to get married in one of the Cluster parishes (St Catherine, St Gregory, St John Vianney), another church or abroad, there are certain criteria that need to be met and things you need to do well in advance of the wedding ceremony.

Please go to the Marriage page on our website for all the details you will require to proceed. <https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/marriage-in-the-cluster>

Remembering our Recently Deceased in the newsletter this week or defer?

Losing a Loved One is a very painful time for all their family and friends and as a faith community we keep them in our prayers and in our hearts. In both versions of the Cluster newsletter, we endeavour to promptly acknowledge the names of any Recently Deceased and include them continuously for six weeks. Also, all funerals in our three parishes are recorded in our deceased list and so their anniversaries appear each year.

Please be assured that, even after your Loved One's name no longer appears in the newsletter, we continue to hold them in our prayers.

Please also be reminded that you can have your Loved One included in our Remembrance Gallery <https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/remembrance-gallery> Simply complete a Remembrance Notice <https://www.southedinburghrc.org.uk/remembrance-notice> with a photo, dates and a short tribute, or alternatively, email us southedclust@btinternet.com the details and photo.

Stage 'N' Slam

Is Young Life International's summer day camp for young people P7-S6 full of Arts, Sports and Fun! It's running from June 29-July 3rd, 1-8pm at Gracemount High School and Liberton Kirk Halls. We would love to see you there! Fill out this online form

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMcd6ByEzQgmA6SHIZym2IpU7sQkn05_uRRGtpMjpMzgJw3g/viewform?pli=1 to sign-up, or contact Kristan Papirio for more information at kristan.papirio@gmail.com There are also flyers at the entry to the church.

Transition Edinburgh South

Summer Solstice Party. Come and join us welcome Summer at the Gracemount Community Gardens, next to the Gracemount Mansion with whom we are celebrating the change of season. Free food, family games and entertainment. We would love to see you. Come along between 5pm and 8pm on Saturday 20th June. All welcome.

Currently needed

Tinned meat, tuna, instant mash, long-life milk, jam, shower gel, mayo, small jars of coffee, children's sweets. Thank you so much for your continued support! We really appreciate it. Normal opening hours for the Food Bank are

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 10 am to 1.30 pm. The relevant food bank for the Cluster is: 47 Southhouse Broadway EH17 8AS. Phone number 664 9353; Email: edinburghfoodbank@blythswood.org



Drop-in lunch – come along for a blether and a bite to eat

You are warmly invited to our drop-in lunch.

It takes place on a **Monday** in the **hall at St Catherine's**. **Doors open at 11.30am**, and the free lunch is served from 12 to 1pm. Please do come along and join us for a blether and a bite to eat.

From the Archbishop's Ad Clerum

Consultation

Archbishop Cushley invites you to respond to consultation questions from the Bishops' Conference of Scotland regarding the structures of the Church in Scotland. The consultation questions are online at

bit.ly/archconsultation26. For context, please see the BCOS statement at bit.ly/bcosstatement. Responses must be submitted by Friday 26 June.

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Jesuit Church of the Sacred Heart Church, 28 Lauriston Street, Edinburgh, EH3 9DJ at 2:00pm on Sunday 14 June followed by a social.

Magnifica Humanitas

In his first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ('Magnificent Humanity'), Pope Leo XIV reflects on the challenges and opportunities of artificial intelligence in light of Catholic social teaching, calling all people to safeguard human dignity, truth, justice, and peace. The full text of the encyclical may be read at the Vatican website.

Archdiocesan events

Events are listed at archedinburgh.org/events

You are held in prayer



Those who are unwell and in need of our prayers: Please remember in your prayers:

Those who are unwell

Maria Patyna, Marion Brydon, Baby Darling, John Coll, Martin Coll, David Fenwick, Val McAndrew, Kevin Devlin, Olive, Betty, Isodoro Fulgencio, Margaret Hendry, Bill Watt, Monika, Jeanette Bell, Ralph, Carson, Geoff Brown, Baby Lana, Liliam Rivero, Jimmy

Love, Jesus Camargo, Susana Sanchez, Victor Trupcic, David, Daniel Philips, Bryan Hawthorn, Graciela Camargo, Berhane Shiker, Michael Doherty, Erin Colvin, Jorge Mario Gaitán, Josie McKeen, Teresa (sister of Maureen Henderson), Natalia, Hilary Fernandes, Ethel Ferguson, Luke, Bekka and family, Geraldine Rodrigues, Sr Rosemary Bayne, Linda Anderson, Belta Fernandes (Christina Fernandes' aunt) and her daughter Ida, Catriona Darling, Ken McIntosh, Stephen, Annabelle Colquhoun, John McConnell, Andrew Woodstock, Evelyn Welsh, Jacqui Phillips, Annette Sibbald, Paula Smith, Joe MacDonald, Victoria, Dylan Joseph, Erin, Karin Rivero, Anton, Wesley Winder, Bette Boyle, Alexis Spence, Michelle Falconer, Maureen Christie, Sr. Clare Wilson, James Nolan, David Cole, Derek & Fiona O'Farrell, Maureen Love, David Spence, Ronnie Libang, Michael Rodrigues, Bruno, Catherine, Melissa Longmore, Gerrard Salvona, Andrzej Patyna, Hannah McGinley, Michael Bell, Margaret Adams, Bridie Addison, Tracey, Valerie Anderson, Zoila Melgarejo, Susie Hay, Rose Ross, Edison Villabona, Anne-Marie Davie, Joe McConnell, Ellen Salvona, Rudy Deras, Mary, Verdiana Kweka, Sr. Veronica, John, Jennifer, Maureen Lawson, Catherine Hart, James Duffy, Ronan Boyle, Catriona McAuley, Marie, Roney Fernandes, Christopher Browne, Xaverina Rodrigues, Anne and Helen.

We remember in love

Anthony Ward, Martin Walker, Mark McCann, Ronnie Doig, Anne Scott, Bruce Lynch, Maire McDonald, Frances McConnell.

Those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

John McGachie, George Pringle, Daniel O'Donnell (Jnr), Jeannie G McNeill, Isabelle Milligan, Margaret Pelosi, Brenda Duffy, Robert Moore, Agnes Hastie, Winifred Coyle, Walter Kidd, David O'Donnell, Ronnie Carruthers, John McFadden, Francis Fernandez, Anne Jeronson, Mary D Fortune, Janet Froude, Susan Tinney, Ellen Wallace, Desmond McCann, Nancy Clarke.

May they rest in peace.